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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations  
ATTENTION : Chief, Foreign Documents Division  
THROUGH : OAD/RR  
FROM : Chief, Economic Services Division, O/RE  
SUBJECT : Exploitation of Sources for Soviet Consumers' Goods and Services

1. The Consumers' Goods and Services Branch, Economic Services Division, O/RR, is planning to make studies on the consumption of goods and services in the Soviet Union.

2. Your assistance, on a continuing basis, in the exploitation of the basic source material, most of which is to be found in foreign newspapers and periodicals, would be greatly appreciated.

3. In order to acquire a baseline for operations, it is desired that FDD furnish this Branch with any material it may now have available upon the subject. This should consist of any translated material, without reference to the date of publication, which deals with the production and availability of consumer goods for the civilian population, services required for the public welfare -- hospitals, schools, recreation, professional services etc. -- and prices of specific commodities or price indices.

4. It is also desired that FDD furnish the Branch with a list of newspapers, periodicals, or any form of publication which may carry periodic reports, official or otherwise, or items pertaining to the general subject.

5. It is further requested that, for a period of three months, FDD take note of all current items appearing in newspapers, periodicals or any other form of publication bearing upon the subject and supply the Branch with summaries thereof.

6. Appended hereto is a list of substantive material by general subjects. Details may best be developed by discussions between O/RE and FDD.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

Subjects of Interest to S/GS

A. Retail and wholesale trade including the manufacture of consumers' goods by the following ministries:

1. Ministry of Trade
2. Ministry of Light Industry
3. Ministry of Local Industry
4. Ministry of Food Industry
5. Ministry of Meat and Dairy Products
6. Ministry of Fish Industry
7. Ministry of Nonferrous Industry
8. Ministry of Ferrous Industry

B. Cooperative and kolkhoz markets

C. Services

1. State, as furnished by the budget, including Republics and Locals

2. Private
3. Housing (Rent)

D. The Soviet citizen's contributions to the State and State income

1. State, Republic and Local revenues

- a. Turnover tax
- b. Profits tax
- c. Income tax
- d. Social insurance, etc.
- e. State loans

2. State, Republic and Local expenditures

- a. Socio-cultural
- b. Education

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